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Economic Sense

In business, after you pay labor, land, technology, and material, what is left is profit. The problem with the coal industry is it does not pay all it costs and it still claims a profit. It leaves the air polluted, water polluted and the soil polluted. We donate our environment to the profit the coal industry pockets. The workers may feel lucky and productive to have jobs. But their health and the health of their children pay a price. Claiming a “deficit profit” is like deficit spending; it is moving the paying off to the environment to a future date. Where will the money for the clean up come? It comes from your children’s future.

Why it most who calls themselves concrete are aren’t conservative at all? Why is it that they are reluctant to spend money on education of children? Why is they think of education as indoctrination to their way of thinking?

If you worry about deficit spending by the government you should be very worried about deficient spending of the environment.

so a business can claim a “profit?”

Some of the proponents of this project elude to facial responsibility. But in their green shirts they dilute themselves as they pollute the environment.

Locally, we are cleaning up from Georgia Pacific. That clean up is costing around \$44,000,000. Any of us whose

Rail

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When 1-5 was built a series of overpasses was built so east - west traffic would not be interfered with. Over passes should be built at the expense of the coal industry. We should have a solid agreement with the freight providers and the coal industry to add or improve overpasses to alleviate traffic blockage caused by trains. (As I have pointed out before Coal does not pay all its expenses, you could say it internalize its profits and externalizes its expenses.)

Now think about this. For every coal train that heads north from the Colombia River area to come to Whatcom County there will be people in passenger cars and busses waiting for trains to pass. One long train may take 20 minutes like one did for my wife the other day. No, she was not working at the time she was going to the dentist's office. Hers was not the only car waiting. Let's say 15 cars are waiting on each side of the track and each car has an average of 1.5 people in them. We now have 1.5 people in 30 cars. That is 45 people wait 20 minutes (45 times 20 is 900 minutes. 900 minutes is 15 hours. That is basically a work day for two

Widen the study of the impacts as far as possible.

We are now in global markets. The idea that what we do here does not affect the rest of the world and what they do there does not effect us is foolish. (The proponents of the coal port want you to look at this project with blinders on.) The fact that they want our coal in Asia and we want their products does not mean they want the carbon admissions from the coal. They, like us want a world market. The like us want to live in a pleasant environment. I had the privilege of traveling to China a few years ago. I found the people to be delightful, industrious, and appreciative. I took pictures of most every thing. I took a set of three photos that made an impact on me. It was of a small Chinese family in a smoggy Beijing standing in front of a temple. I like taking pictures of people taking picture of people. I took a picture of a father taking a picture of his young daughter with the mother standing off to one side. Suddenly the mother rushes up to the young girl and removes the protective face mask from her daughter's face.

Then the father takes the little girl's picture
again.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Patrick Alesse". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the printed name.

Industrial site

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In the reasonably foreseeable future demand will develop for several kinds of shipping in and out of Cherry Point.

Cherry Point is a gem. You could say that it is a diamond in the rough it should be saved until it can be fully utilized. As a natural deep water container port that would handle very large cargo ships. A container port at that location would be the basis for many manufacturing and warehousing jobs in our area. It just may not be ready to have it happen now. Shipping containers are sealed to protect the contents; as a result the surrounding area is protected from contamination from their contents. The containers could contain manufactured items and components for manufacturing. Manufacturing and distribution vacuities in Whatcom County would be a boost to proper of development that would be desirable for Whatcom County.

I am pro development. The property in question, Cherry Point should be keep as is for the kind of development that would be good for Whatcom County. The Port of Bellingham should be seriously exploring the real possibility of building a container port. The Cherry Point location would be the basis for many manufacturing and warehousing jobs in our area.

Allowing a coal port at Cherry Point would get in the way of the future.

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